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R. J. Obremski, et al.

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For: DETECTION OF VERY LOW QUANTITIES OF
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$270 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$135	\$36
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the text of claims 1, 2, 23 and 26 with the following text::

1. (Amended) A binding assay for sensing analyte mass in a liquid sample, comprising:

a) immobilizing an array on a substrate, wherein the array comprises a plurality of microscopic sorbent zones, wherein a microscopic sorbent zone comprises an analyte binding partner,

b) contacting a defined volume of sample believed to contain an analyte with at least one microscopic sorbent zone, the analyte binding partner in the microscopic sorbent zone being present in excess relative to the analyte, so that any analyte present in the defined volume is substantially depleted from the sample and concentrated on the microscopic sorbent zone to form an analyte capture complex with the analyte binding partner;

c) tagging the analyte capture complex with a fluorescent label;

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